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FOR THE AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, UK, RH, TZ

SUBJECT:MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY TO CROSLAND

1. PLEASE CONVEY FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY TO FOREIGN MINISTER CROSLAND.
2. "DEAR TONY: I HAVE JUST SEEN A COPY OF THE MESSAGE THAT YOU SENT TO PRESIDENT NYERERE YESTERDAY. I THOUGHT IT EXCELLENT AND MUCH NEEDED. YOU STRESSED THE ESSENCE OF THE PROBLEM AND IT WAS VERY APPROPRIATE THAT YOU GOT THIS ACROSS TO NYERERE IN TIMELY FASHION.

I CONFESS THAT SOME OF THE REPORTING OF THE MEETINGS WHICH IVOR HAS BEEN HAVING WITH THE VARIOUS PARTIES IS SOMEWHAT BEWILDERING. TONY DUFF'S INTERPRETATIONS OF RICHARD'S TALKS, AS CONVEYED TO OUR EMBASSY IN LONDON, APPEAR TO HAVE
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A DIFFERENT OPTIC FROM RICHARD'S ASSESSMENTS OF TALKS, AS CONVEYED DIRECTLY TO EDMONDSON. IN ANY CASE, IT IS QUITE OBVIOUS THAT WE ARE FACED WITH AN UPHILL BATTLE.

I AM A LITTLE SURPRISED AT THE VIEWS IMPLIED IN THE DUFF CONVERSATION THAT WE WENT TOO FAR IN OUR UNDERTAKINGS TO SMITH AND VORSTER. I HAD ALWAYS FELT THAT I HAD YOUR FULL

SUPPORT FOR ANNEX C AS A BASIS FOR NEGOTIATIONS. JIM

CALLAGHAN MODIFIED IT IN THE CABINET ROOM IN YOUR PRESENCE AND THAT OF SENIOR OFFICIALS TWO DAYS LATER. YOU HANDED IT TO ME IN THE PRESENCE OF SENIOR OFFICIALS OF BOTH SIDES IN LONDON ON MY WAY TO ZURICH AND I GAVE IT TO VORSTER UNCHANGED. AFTER I ACCEPTED THESE CHANGES AND URGED THEM ON VORSTER AND SMITH, I HAD NO REASON TO BELIEVE THAT ANNEX C WAS OTHER THAN AN OFFICIAL BRITISH GOVERNMENT DOCUMENT. BELIEVING, AS WE BOTH DID, THAT ANNEX C COULD SERVE AS A REASONABLE BASIS FOR A SETTLEMENT, I TOLD SMITH, IN AN EFFORT TO BRING HIM ON BOARD, THAT WE WOULD NOT PUSH HIM BEYOND ANNEX C. IN ADDITION, I UNDERSTAND THAT IVOR HAS REPORTED VORSTER'S TACIT ASSUMPTION THAT THERE WOULD ONLY BE ONE BLACK AND ONE WHITE DELEGATION AT GENEVA. FOR YOUR INFORMATION, NEITHER I NOR MY COLLEAGUES CAN RECALL THAT THIS PARTICULAR QUESTION EVER AROSE IN OUR CONVERSATIONS WITH VORSTER OR SMITH.

I MENTION THE FOREGOING ONLY AS A MATTER OF RECORD AND CERTAINLY IN NO SPIRIT OF RECRIMINATION. I THINK THAT YOU AND YOUR COLLEAGUES HAVE DONE AS MUCH AS COULD POSSIBLY BE EXPECTED UNDER THE ADVERSE CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH CONFRONT US IN THIS DIFFICULT NEGOTIATING PROCESS AND I KNOW THAT MY SUCCESSORS WILL CONTINUE TO GIVE YOU THEIR SUPPORT FOR YOUR ENDEAVORS. I WANT PARTICULARLY TO CONGRATULATE RICHARD FOR HIS INDEFATIGABLE LABORS. WE FACE A TOUGH TASK WHICH WILL NOT BE MADE EASIER BY MUTUAL RECRIMINATION. WARMEST REGARDS. HENRY A. KISSINGER"

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